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SUBJECT: F5E DELIVERY TO ETHIOPIA

REF: ADDIS 3145; ADDIS 2929

1. AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OCCASION YOU SHOULD INFORM PMG CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE DELAY IN DELIVERY OF F5E'S, USING EXACT LANGUAGE IN THE FOLLOWING FOUR PARAGRAPHS.

2. "THERE MAY BE A BRIEF DELAY IN DELIVERY OF THE AIR-CRAFT. AS WE INFORMED THE PMG ON MARCH 9, WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT TWO AMERICAN CAPTIVES HELD BY ERITREAN INSURGENTS SINCE LAST JULY MAY BE RELEASED VERY SOON. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBLE UNFAVORABLE IMPACT THE DELIVERY COMING AT THIS TIME COULD HAVE ON THE PRESENT PROSPECTS FOR RELEASE OF THE CAPTIVES.

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3. "WE WANT TO REASSURE THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION REGARDING THE EARLY DELIVERY OF THE PLANES. WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT THE PMG WILL BE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE USG'S RELUCTANT CONCLUSION - PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE GREAT PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED DURING THE EIGHT MONTHS OF

CAPTIVITY - THAT IT MAY BE BEST AT THIS TIME TO TAKE THE PRECAUTION OF A SHORT POSTPONEMENT.

4. "OUR INTEREST IS BOTH HUMANITARIAN AND TACTICAL. WE WISH TO AVERT THE ADVERSE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION ON OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ENSUE IF THE ARRIVAL OF THE PLANES NOW SHOULD RESULT IN THE NON-RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES.

5. "WE SEEK PMG'S UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. "

6. WE ARE CONVEYING SAME LANGUAGE TO ETHIOPIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES MEKBIB . KISSINGER

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